(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to modify the rule so as to allow registration officers to accept or record also the admission of the execution of documents of members of the same house other than those on whose requisition these officers are allowed to attend at private residences?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Representations to this effect have been made to the Government.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Collection of Sanskrit Manuscripts.

89. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any list of the manuscript copies obtained by the Curator has been preserved in his office or published by him, and, if so, whether any such list is available to the public;

(*b*) what the total number of the manuscripts collected by the Curator from the public is; and

(*c*) whether any of the manuscripts collected by the Curator has been returned to the owners thereof, and, if so, how many manuscripts have been so returned?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) A list is available and will be supplied to the member.

(*b*) 1312.

(*c*) 371.

Malayalam Pandit in the Curator's Office.

90. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any Pandit on the Curator's staff who has any knowledge of Malayalam literature?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The attention of the member is invited to the answer furnished to question No. 39 (*d*) asked by Mr. V. Kunjukrishna Pillai at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd November, 1922.

Irregularities in the Curator's Office.

91. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that copies of rare and valuable manuscripts collected at Government cost have been sold to foreign libraries and institutions by some of the Pandits on the Curator's staff; and, if so, whether the Curator is aware of any such transaction; and

(*b*) whether the Curator is allowed to undertake work on behalf of other States like Baroda and whether any such instance has been brought to the notice of the Government?

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